

THE STREET GIVES WAY

Big Cave-In at Ninth and Main.
Street Car Traffic Delayed.

ESTABLISH NEW ROUTES

Many Workmen Engaged in Repairing Damage, Which Is Serious.

What at first appeared to be a small cave-in, caused by rains, heavy weights on the margin and great depth of excavation, at Main and Ninth Streets, was yesterday transformed into something far more serious.

Last night the scene presented something like a big gully worn out by constant running of water, with debris of falling buildings filling the sides.

The cave-in started Tuesday night late, on the Ninth Street side. Continued rains enlarged the damage, and on Wednesday night and early yesterday morning the Main Street embankment, with its watch house, fence and barricade, also went.

This put the condition in a serious state. It looked like great damage might result, but workmen went at it and a barricade was placed along the Main Street frontage, so that wagons might be kept away from that side of the street.

Many tons of earth and bricks tumbled into the space reserved for the regular and foundation. The damage cannot be estimated, but it will mostly foot up double what anything else.

NINE CAR TROTS

Superintendent C. E. Buchanan, of the Passenger and Power Company, in order to avoid delay and to break congestion of cars at Ninth and Main Streets, last night switched around some of the cars that pass that corner. The arrangement will stay into effect until the cave-in has been put back into shape. The schedule, as arranged, follows:

The Laurel Street line will run to Twelfth and Broad Streets, and passengers for East Main will transfer from that line at Eighth and Broad to Broad Main line, and then to Main Street at Ninth and Main.

The Broad-Main line, westbound, will go via Ninth Street and carry transfer passengers from East Main for Laurel Street line to Ninth and Broad. The Oakwood-Main line will be discontinued and increased on Oakwood-Broad line. The Cawood-Broad line will transfer passengers at Eleventh and Broad to Broad-Main line for Main Street.

The contractors are already at work remedying the evil, and the principal loss to them will be delay. No further damage is anticipated.

STATE COMMITTEE HERE TO-DAY

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Richmond will offer as a hall the amphitheatre, a structure admirably suited to a summer convention and sufficiently commodious to accommodate not merely the delegates but several thousand spectators. For the first time in many years, hundreds of ladies will have an opportunity to attend a State Convention, to see the prominent Democrats to hear the speeches—if the convention be held here. The spacious and high pitched hall is well ventilated and will be a comfortable and cool place. It is easily reached by cars, and special service will be put on to accommodate the delegates and visitors. With these improvements and the addition of music and various other gratuities, Richmond should easily capture the convention, its accessibility by rail and boat making this the best place for the convention.

Among the Norfolk people here are: J. L. Prince, B. G. Tunstall, William Panfill, Councilman FitzGibbons, W. P. Oberdorfer, ex-Congressman W. A. Young, Hon. C. A. Woodward, J. Y. D. Mitchell, W. H. Hardin, R. L. Savage, N. T. Tornert, C. L. Morrison, Jr., F. P. Baldwin, C. C. Fuller, W. P. Cake, J. B. Jones, C. G. Snell, T. E. Sebrell and others.

Warm Proposition.

With the details of the convention settled, the committee will then tackle the hot proposition known as the Norfolk city primary contest. This will open with sparring by the lawyers engaged as counsel and by those who are members of the committee. The committee will certainly limit the time to be given to this case. It is utterly impossible to go into the details of the voluminous record of the case. The plan most likely to be adopted is the granting of a speci-

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Men's 65c and 75c Negligee Shirts for 47c each.

Men's 35c and 25c Neckwear for 21c.

SPECIAL REMNANT BARGAINS.

feed time to the counsel on each side to present their testimony to the committee. Last night it was stated that three hours to a ship would probably be given. Allowing time for discussion by the committee and decision of the court, that will mean seven hours devoted to this subject alone. With a couple of hours devoted to settling the details of the convention, and an hour or more recess for dinner, the indications are that the committee will be busy until nearly midnight. If the matter of naming a sub-committee to recommend changes in the party primary plan be taken up, that means more time and probably a skirmish among the pro-primary and anti-primary elements, and certainly considerable talk.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Both Factions to Appear Before the Committee Here.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, Va., April 25.—Many Norfolk county politicians of both the straightout and the fusion factions are at the hearing to-morrow before the State Central Committee of the Democratic party of the petition of the fusionists for a primary to determine the question of party regularity.

The matter almost overshadows the interest in the decision of the committee in the Norfolk primary fraud case, which will be settled at the same time. The fusionists say they may appear before the committee to show that they control the majority of the Democratic votes of the county, and the straightouts declare that they will consider it an outrage if the petition of the fusionists is considered at all.

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